

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE LORD'S GREATER WORKS

The Last Days Marked by Demonstrations of the Holy Ghost.

A Flood-Tide of Power From on High.

Many Bible students are puzzled about the Lord's "greater works." They speculate and speculate, and in many instances they are no nearer the proper interpretation than they were before they commenced. They know the Lord said to the disciples, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12) But when they read of the great works He did they throw up their hands and say, "What can be greater? And it is no surprise that they should do this since He did actually do so many great and wonderful things.

He was master of the situation in every instance. When He came to a mother sick with the fever He rebuked the fever and that good old mother arose and began to help with the work about the house. He was ready to feed the hungry, heal the sick, cast out unclean spirits until lunatics were brought back to their right minds, restore sight to the blind, unstop the deaf ears, raise the dead and break up funeral ceremonies. Nothing He attempted ever failed. But although having done so many great things that is enough to cause one to become speechless with amazement He said, "Greater works than these shall (you) do; because I go unto my Father."

Think of Him walking on the sea, breaking into the midst of a storm and having the winds to cease blowing, stopping the lightning from flashing and the thunders from pealing and the waves from rolling; following His instructions fishermen enclosed a multitude of fishers after they had toiled all night long in vain. All of these things and many more, and yet certain people are to do "greater works."

He could meet the doctors and lawyers and amaze them with His questions and answers until they became speechless. The proud Pharisees and boastful Sadducees were only like babies for Him to handle. He could clear the temple of cattle, sheep, doves, money-changers, rogues and thieves and the multitude could not raise a little finger against Him. I repeat that He was master of the situation in any place and at any time where He cared to assert Himself. And this is the very same Jesus that said others should do greater works than He had done.

At first thought it seems impossible. But we know Jesus always spoke the truth. He had too much love for His followers to mock them by saying they could do things that they could not do. Nay, we must believe Him! We do believe Him, whether we understand Him or not.

The time came when Jesus went away. About the first thing He did was to send the Holy Ghost. When He came upon the first one hundred and twenty men and women, the mother of Jesus among the number, they all began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. This was a marvelous thing. No record of Jesus ever causing His very closest followers to speak in that wonderful way. But the very first of the coming of the

Holy Ghost created such an excitement that the whole city with all of its thousands of visitors at that special season of the year, was stirred from center to circumference. When it was noised abroad the multitudes came together and were astonished and amazed beyond measure. One of the greater works had come already when three thousand souls were converted under the mighty influence of the first great outpouring of the Holy Ghost Jesus said He would send.

Following this greater work almost immediately was another wave of power that swept five thousand into the ranks of Christianity. It is admitted that Jesus did many miracles and forgave the sins of a few people, but never such a land-slide of salvation had ever rolled in upon this old world during His ministry or any other time. Of course these were greater works, because more people had actually obtained an experience that could not have been received without the office work of the Holy Ghost and the voice and words of a man filled with the Holy Ghost and fire.

Well, the greater works were now well on their way. Soon the disciples were beaten and bruised and locked up in prison and the prison doors flew open and out walked the preachers, and kept on with their preaching, and the stream of salvation rolled and swelled as multitudes both of men and women bathed their souls in the flood as it swiftly flowed along. The number of converts had reached a stage that they could count no more. They had counted, three and five thousand, but they could count no more, so they just called it multitudes (Acts 5:14) and went on with their greater works.

These disciples healed the sick, cast out devils, raised the dead, and there seemed to be no end to the greater works. Jesus healed many, but no record of such a demonstration of healing as was done after He went away. The power for healing was given in such torrents of glory that the people brought the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, and I suppose the streets were lined with them for it is said that there came multitudes out of the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. It only seemed to take the shadow of Peter falling upon them for the healing power to strike them and up they came, healed by the mighty power of God. (Acts 5:14-16.)

Greater works did you say? Does this look like greater works? Is there any account given where Jesus ran down a street lined with sick folks lying on beds and couches and his shadow falling off on them and the sick rolling off on the other side chuckling and laughing and shouting for joy because they were healed? I repeat the question, Is there any such record? Well, if there are no records of such surely it did not happen just that way.

But this is not the end of the greater works. While the stream of salvation flowed on and on and the healing of the sick con-

tinued with no apparent abatement when there were sick to be healed, there was also other greater works to consider. It was only a little while until churches began to dot the land. Church at Jerusalem; church at Antioch; churches in Judea; churches in Asia; churches in Egypt; away over at Babylon; across into Europe; down at Rome. On, on they sped! Churches everywhere! And James the brother of our Lord was "Bishop of bishops" (General Overseer) over them all. There were Bishops, deacons, evangelists. Preaching men and preaching women. There were miracle workers, men of wisdom, knowledge was a gift of God, and everything else that pertained to the greater works. It is impossible to tell how the work spread from the little countries of Galilee, Samaria, Judea and Perea into the beyond in every direction. He had told His followers to "Go!" after they were endued with Power from on high by the coming of the Holy Ghost whom He would send, and when they got the power they went everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. (Mark 16:20)

When Jesus was on the earth his territory was limited. He said He would build His Church, but how many local churches appeared? He gave orders for the work to continue after His departure, and it did. His followers were faithful. They did not mind hardships. Never heard of one of them sending word back, "I'll go if you will send my fare." When they were called they went. When they were sent they went. Did not wait for an auto or palace car, but they obeyed promptly and went into all the world and delivered the message, and the multitudes were converted, sanctified wholly, and filled with the Holy Ghost and spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The churches grew and multiplied both in number of members and number of churches. There was no halting, no slowing down. They met in their general Assembly and decided questions that arose and then they were off and gone again telling the decisions of the Assembly besides preaching the everlasting gospel. Oh, beloved, they were full of it, and I confess I am so full of the very same Spirit that possessed them that I can hardly stay here long enough to finish this message.

Indeed, the greater works are still showing. Churches are multiplying. The number of members is increasing constantly. The last days are marked by demonstrations of the Holy Ghost in a similar manner to that of the early days of the gospel dispensation. Multitudes of sick folks are healed; miracles and signs and wonders are showing on every hand. The revivals are so wonderfully blessed by the presence of the same Holy Ghost that the number of converts are counted by the thousands. The last fifteen years have witnessed a flood of the power of the Holy Ghost that the world never knew before. More of the greater works, that's all. And this will gather and increase until Jesus comes back for His jewels.

You need not think of discouragement and a slacking down now. No, sir! It's time now to increase and join together and continue the miracles and signs and wonders. You

can't prevent a display of God's power now. It's bound to show on. It's too late in the day to talk about drying up. The latter rain will soon be falling in torrents; even in a greater measure and with greater power and glory than was demonstrated in the time of the falling of the early or former rain.

God is raising up men with wisdom, men of knowledge and putting them in their respective positions as captains over His hosts. And the organization will soon be so complete that victory will be preached upon every banner. The world is already amazed at the growth of His church. The masses are uniting in expressing their disapproval of the miracles that are being performed right before their eyes. They can hardly believe even when they see the signs following just like Jesus said they would.

I suppose I'll never forget a special demonstration in one of our meetings. The power was falling. The saints were happy and full of the Spirit. A certain sister carried away in the Spirit was walking around and around a hot stove, rubbing her hands upon it as if it were cold. I saw a certain man watching her as she deliberately handled that stove. At last, as if he could wait no longer, and believing it must be almost cold, he stepped up to it and deliberately put his hand on the door that was then open. His quick action showed what he found. The stove was so hot it burned his hand in an instant. He had been a doubter, but he doubted no more. He acknowledged that he saw one of the miracles of Bible times that day. And multitudes have been convinced.

The signs named in the last of Mark's Gospel have all followed us in the last few years. Not one exception. And besides these there have been wonders innumerable. The gifts have been demonstrated in a measure, but neither signs nor gifts have been demonstrated and witnessed as extensively as they will be as the age draws to a close. Just before the blast of the trumpet the power will be so great that the saints can scarcely eat or sleep. As a flood-tide of power from on high is poured down upon His Church the preaching will have such effect that multitudes will be attracted to hear the wonderful story and doubtless thousands of them will be "pricked in their hearts" (Acts 2:37), and will believe the gospel and get saved.

We have seen some wonderful things; we have witnessed many wonderful occurrences; but what we have known already will appear as mere drops in the bucket in comparison when the latter rain begins to come down in torrents as it surely will soon. I am looking for it! We are inching up to the time! God is getting us ready by giving us foretastes along and along. The greater works will be demonstrated in a greater measure then. We believe they will surpass those of earlier times. We believe the Scriptures bear us out in making this statement. We do not venture this on account of wild imaginations, but a sober study of the Word convinces us that the last days will be marked by greater outpourings and demonstrations of the Holy Ghost than the former days or any other days.

Beloved, get ready. Be watchful, and ready any moment for your part in the drama. The program is already made by Jehovah and it is our duty and privilege to perform our part in the last scene of the last act

that means so much for this world. I wish I could get the people waked up about it. I want to see the "flowing together" in its fullness. I want Scriptures to be fulfilled. I want my part in the finishing up of the most wonderful drama God's universe has ever witnessed.

I positively know of one man the Lord may have for what ever purpose He may choose. I believe there are thousands just as willing—just as ready. But with all this, let us bow ourselves in humility before Him who knows the end from the beginning and make a deeper consecration and a fuller surrender if such a thing is possible. I believe God wants us all to be compact together in a way that nothing can separate us, but that we may attract others to our fellowship and love. Can He have you? Do you say, Yes?

Baptists Praying for Power

A statement in the "Baptist and Reflector" published at Nashville, Tenn. dated May 13, 1920, indicates that many of the Baptists are becoming awakened to the need of Pentecostal power. The statement follows.

"Our prayer should be that our Father would give unto this Southern Baptist host another Pentecost in this great world hour, so much so that our young men would see visions and our old men dream dreams; that God's Spirit should be poured out upon us, and that our sons and daughters should prophesy; that the world might hear the story of His love, and witness the manifestation of His power"

The above named paper has the good wishes of the Evangel in launching a program of that kind. We can join with them in this prayer because we want Baptists as well as any body else to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and speak in tongues like all others who receive that wonderful baptism of power for which they are praying.

Lifting up the Standard

C. A. Churchill

"Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people: cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people." Isa. 62:10.

We are truly living in perilous times and many, many doctrines and theories of men are going the rounds today. With this fact before us, as Spirit-filled men and women, we should strive to lift up the standard of God's eternal truth higher and higher, and by grace we will!

In the above text of Scripture we get the thought that the standard the prophet had reference to was not lifted, or in other words, the prophecy was reaching down to a time when the standard would not be lifted. We also get the thought that the standard was down. If it had not been down he would not have said, "Lift up the standard."

It is evident that God has always had a standard for His people to go by in all ages of the past. In Abraham's time, in Noah's time and all of those sainted men and women of old, God had a standard for them to go by.

If the standard of holiness as that great man Wesley preached it years ago, had been held up by the millions of Methodists of the world, what would they have been able to do all along since that time? But alas, the standard went down with a

crash, and men's views were accepted instead of the Bible, and as a result of the standard going down, we have a world of religious confusion. Why? Because the standard has been let down. Letting down the standard has meant almost ruin to the churches of the world today. They are supposed to lift the Savior up that the world might see Him, but they have failed to do so, and as a result they have a hireling ministry, and thousands of sinners in the church. They hope by getting the sinners in the church to make staunch Christians out of them. It is as good as some sinners want, to get into the church so they can have a cloak for their wrong-doings. You might as well hope for God to take the sinners to heaven in order to make Christians out of them. Get the heart right and then and only then are you ready to join the church.

Beloved, the standard must be lifted, even at the peril of our lives. We must be like Paul of old, "Neither count I my life dear." God is with us with all of His eternal truth, the Bible, and we shall not suffer defeat. By lifting up the Bible standard we will have much opposition from even the professed Christians of today, but God has some blood-washed and fire-baptized men and women who are willing to hazard their lives in order for the full Bible standard to be preached in all the world for a witness.

What does it mean to lift the standard? It means to preach the whole Bible. This makes me feel like quoting the headline of the teachings of the Church of God: "THE CHURCH OF GOD STANDS FOR THE WHOLE BIBLE RIGHTLY DIVIDED." Regeneration, sanctification, baptism with the Holy Ghost with other tongues as the Bible evidence, divine healing provided for in the atonement, the Lord's supper and feet-washing, the full restoration of the gifts to the Church, water baptism by immersion, and in fact all that Jesus ever taught, including tithes and offerings.

I find as I go from place to place to preach the gospel that there are many people who are willing to go a part of the way with Jesus, but when it comes to going all the way and lifting up the full standard, they shrink back and cry "FANATICISM." They believe in talking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and divine healing, but when it comes to taking up serpents, they cry "fanaticism," and it remains for the Church of God people to lift up the full Bible standard for the people.

While we are doing this, we are also gathering out the stones as you will see in the text. We are bold to declare the whole truth about the Bible as far as we know, and that we do not know we will soon find out for Jesus said that the Holy Ghost would lead us into all truth, and He does not want us to be in ignorance about anything that is in the Bible.

To accept regeneration as a doctrine of the Bible is alright I am sure for Jesus said that if you were not born again that you could not enter the kingdom of heaven. But what about sanctification as a second blessing? Many and many today are rejecting the doctrine of sanctification as taught in the Bible. Where shall we place them? John said in one of his epistles that those who deny the Father and the Son is the antichrist.

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June 6 is Children's day.

Home mission day falls on
June 13th next time.

Bibles! Bibles! Send for price
list if you are interested.

Buy the tracts and send them
out everywhere. They are
preachers that will count.

At last we have a church in
the state of Kansas. This opens
up that great state. Praise the
Lord.

A brother at Quicksand, Ky.,
met with a serious accident
quite recently. His leg was
mashed severely. Pray for him.

Great outpourings of the
Holy Ghost are reported in
many places. The Lord is won-
derfully blessing and prospering
His Church.

The Bible cases are fine to
preserve your Bible. One clasp
case \$2.00; two clasp medium
size \$2.25; two clasp extra large
\$2.50. Give the dimensions of
your Bible when you order.

318 churches reported for
April that showed \$7,871.64
tithes paid into the treasuries.
This is something to encourage
the pastors and evangelists.
The great plan for meeting the
needs of every minister is gradu-
ally maturing. Praise the Lord.

The little Church of God
buttons are meeting with favor
everywhere they go. There is
also a steady demand for the
Church of God Sunday School
and Jesus Only buttons. The
price is now 5c each or 45c per
dozen. These badges are fine
for presents.

Very sorry the paper goes out
late again this week. This is
due to the print paper shortage,
and freight demoralization so
the shipments are delayed. It
has been several weeks since
we have been able to secure as
much as one ton of News Print
at once. We can only get it by
"piece meals." We cannot tell
when we will be able to get out
another issue, but we will have
it off as soon as we can get the
paper. Pray that God will help
us out about this.

We have in stock only two
kinds of Song Books, but they
are giving good satisfaction.
One of our best singers told me
a few days ago that they are
the best song books out, and
better suited to our work than

any other song book published.
I believe this myself and we will
take pleasure in filling your or-
ders promptly at the prices
named herewith. 35c each and
\$3.50 per dozen post paid. Good
singing is the life of the Sun-
day School and Church. Let us
have your orders.

Reports for April show a bal-
ance of \$8,949.42 in the treas-
uries of the local churches car-
ried over to the month of May.
This surplus shows general
prosperity, and that there is
something doing in the Church
of God. Hope no one will feel
any dissatisfaction about this,
remember it means only a little
over what is needed in each
church, and may be needed in
May or will be used for God's
glory soon.

Several weeks ago we sent to
all the local churches a letter
asking for some important in-
formation. Many of the church-
es responded promptly, but the
clerk informs me that there are
about two hundred churches
that have not responded. This
is an important matter and we
wish to kindly insist that all the
churches that have not respon-
ded do so at once. If any of the
treasurers to whom this letter
was sent have misplaced the
question sheet please write us
for another. We need this in-
formation and appeal to the
ministers and district overseers
to get in behind this business
and see that every church at-
tends to the matter at once.

The new booklet, Instructions
on the Entire Bible, by M. S.
Lemons, gives much good in-
formation and lessons on the Bi-
ble. We have only a very lim-
ited supply, so hurry in your
orders so you will be sure and
get one. Price 25c each, post
paid.

The price of the hand bags
for women has taken another
rise. We are unable to control
prices, so now have to quote
them at \$2.50 each, post paid.
We will take pleasure in filling
your orders for these bags. They
are extra fine for the sisters.

Buy the Minutes of the last
Assembly. All new members
should get them and read them,
and of course the old members,
should all thoroughly acquaint
themselves with the work of
the last Assembly in order to
be better prepared for the next
Assembly. Prices, 25c each or
\$2.50 per dozen. All ministers
should keep a supply on hands
and insist on every body buy-
ing them. Many of our members
who do not have them would
purchase them if the ministers
would keep them on hands and
mention them often.

Jerry Hughes, better known
as "Uncle Jerry," passed over the
river of death Monday evening,
May 17th. He has been hauling
for the Evangel office ever since
we started and has hauled hun-
dreds of tons of freight, express
and mail for us. He took a
great interest in the work and
always watched the trains for
our people coming from a dis-
tance. He was always cheery
and ready to handle the bag-
gage and do any other service
in his line. Many of our people
coming to the next Assembly
will miss the face of Uncle Jer-
ry because he has been on hands
for so long. He lived a good life
and left a bright testimony just
before his departure. We miss
him greatly at the Evangel Of-
fice and can hardly expect to
get a man to fill his place
as he filled it with his words
of cheer, hands shakes and
smiles. He was faithful in at-
tending services for worship
and when collections were called
for for any purpose Uncle
Jerry was always ready to walk
up and do his part. His fune-
ral service conducted by the
editor was blessed with the pres-
ence of the Lord. The Evangel
force did the singing and the
flowers and presence of neigh-
bors, friends, business men, and
relatives showed that he had
many friends. He was only a
dayman, but he won friends
all over the city and was "whole
soul" for the Church of God.
His remains were followed by
quite a string of autos loaded
with friends and laid away in
Fort Hill cemetery to await the
resurrection.

Requests

Claud Fordham, Heflin, Ala., re-
quests prayer of the saints
that her son may be saved.

Thomas Jamison of Gulfport,
Miss., asks the saints to pray
that his hip may be healed.

J. R. Goins, treasurer of the
church at Jasper, Tenn., re-
quests prayer for the build-
ing up of the church.

C. D. Donald of Townville, N.
C., requests prayer that the
Lord will show him what to
do. He feels led to preach.

Mary Esther Barksdale, Ozona,
Fla., asks the saints to pray
for her. She wants to grow
stronger in the Lord.

Bertha Rogers, Rabun Gap,
Ga., is very weak in her body
and asks the saints to pray
that she may be completely
healed.

Rebecca Hawkins of Pierce,
Okla., wants all the saints
to pray that she may be saved
and sanctified and filled with
the Holy Ghost.

Minnie Spriggs, Marion, Va.,
wants the saints to pray that
her husband may be sanc-
tified and filled with the Holy
Ghost. Also pray that her
little girl may be saved.

Arthur Sanders, Prentiss, N. C.,
wants the saints to pray for
the little band of saints there.
Also pray that the way may
be opened for them to have
a church to worship in.

Mrs. M. E. Greer, Lafayette, Ga.,
requests prayer of the saints
for a meeting that is to be
held there in August. There
are only three Church of God
people there. Pray that they
may stand true.

Mrs. M. E. Tucker of Floral
City, Fla., is afflicted with kid-
ney and other troubles and
asks all the saints to pray
that God will heal her. Also
pray that her husband and
children may be saved.

Mrs. Trusty of Equality, Ill.,
wants the saints to pray that
she may stay humble at the
foot of the cross and that her
husband may be saved. Also
pray that her daughter may
stand true.

Alva Pullem of Branford, Fla.,
wants the saints to pray that
she may have more faith in
God and do His will. Also
pray that her husband may be
saved and that he will come
back to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Lingefelt,
Athens, Tenn., would like to
have some one come to their
place and hold a meeting
there that the number of
saints may be increased. Also
pray that they may grow
stronger and do more for Je-
sus.

Mrs. Nannie Ingram of Carbo-
n Hill, Ala., wants all the saints
to pray that she may stay
humble at the foot of the
cross. Also that her two
sons and daughter may
receive the Holy Ghost.

Lou Brown, Pleasant Hill,
Tenn., requests prayer for
her husband and children who
are in sin. Also requests
special prayer that the re-
vival will be a success and
for the up building of the
church at that place.

Notices

If anyone knows the where-
abouts of W. A. Harris, please
write to Lucy West, Nelson-
ville, Ohio. R. F. D. 2. Box 52.

Brother J. H. Peterson of Bow-
ling Green, Fla., would like to
get employment with a Church
of God member or with some
good Christian person. He has
a little boy six years old and he
wants to be where he can be
with him. Would like to have a
home with a family that has no
children.

The church at Abbeville, Ga.,
went down and had to be dis-
continued. It was brought to
the Fitzgerald church. This
announcement is made so that
the members of the Abbeville
church who are scattered to
different places may learn

through the Evangel the change
that has been made. The no-
tice in the Evangel for the
church conference which was
to convene June 8th has already
taken place.

W. M. Hobbs.

To Evangelists of Mississippi:

I want to ask each one of you
dear brothers, when you organ-
ize a new church to always
preach one sermon on the fi-
nancial system of the church
and appoint treasurer, and fa-
miliarize yourself with the fi-
nance system until you can
give the treasurer full instruc-
tions as to how, when and
where to make his reports and
and to whom. Also write to
the General Overseer and give
him the address of the treasur-
er in order that the General
Overseer may send him report
forms. Any information you
have not received on this line
you can get from instructions
of treasurer's report which are
with all report forms sent out
from head quarters. Write to
your overseer of state and he
will give you information on
this line.

You should not be afraid or
ashamed to preach the tithing
system but of course in the
spirit of love and not for a self-
ish purpose. Members should
never charge a preacher for
this when he outlines the tithe-
ing system, as this is a part
of the Bible as well as any other.
I notice the person who opposes
the financial and tithing system
is the one who is not willing to
pay. I never hear of a brother
or sister who is free hearted
and generous with their means
opposing it. Do you?

Dear ones, the Bible says to
pay tithes of all.

Your brother in Christ,
E. B. Culpepper, overseer of
Miss.

Wanted at once—address
* of some Church of God
* preacher who has a tent
* and can come to Belmont.
* N. C., and hold a revival
* soon. This will be pleasing
* to the town of Belmont and
* to the Church of God.
* A loyal member of the
* Church of God,
* Wm. Austen.

At Rest

Our darling baby Joel Byron
Jackson was born Mar. 28,
1920, and went home to heav-
en April 28, 1920.

He leaves to mourn his death
a father, mother, two brothers
and three sisters and other re-
latives and friends.

We miss little Byron for we
loved him dearly. But we know
our loss is heaven's gain. He
cannot return to us but we can
go to him. We know we shall
soon be with him never to part
again for there will be "no
more good-byes beyond the
skies." He is waiting just over
the river to welcome us home.
God needed one more angel to
join His happy band, so He
searched with tender care and
clasped our baby's hand.

His mother,
Hattie Jackson.

In Loving Memory

Shockney Martin was born
Sept. 8, 1900, and departed this
life April 20, 1920. He was mar-
ried to Miss Ida Harris, April 2,
1918. One child was born to
them, Rayburn Willis, who de-
parted this life Feb. 8, 1920.

Shockney professed faith in
Christ Mar. 14, 1920. He was
sanctified and joined the Church
of God and grew stronger in
faith the rest of his days. He
desired to live but when the en-
d came he said he was ready and
wanted to go.

He had high aspirations and
was making a good start in this
life and would have made good
success. But he has made the
greatest success of all in being
ready to meet God. We cannot
see why one so young should be
taken but God works in mys-
terious ways. We feel assured he
is at rest from the troubles and
suffering of this world.

We feel that God in His mer-
cy and goodness will overrule
all the sad things and in our
deep sorrow we cherish the hope
of seeing Shockney and little
sweet Rayburn over on the other
shore. His gain is greater
than our loss.

He leaves to mourn his death
a wife, mother, brother and a

host of relatives and friends.
The funeral service was held
at Mt. Vernon church and con-
ducted by the writer and Broth-
er Burdette. The body was
laid to rest beside the baby, to
await the resurrection.
T. J. Acton.

Gone but not Forgotten

On May 8, 1920, the death
angel visited the home of Broth-
er J. E. Adair of Dora, Ala., and
claimed his loving wife, Irena
Adair, age 78 years, 6 months
and 1 day.

She was a member of the
Church of God at this place
and was loved by many people.
She was always prompt in fill-
ing her place in church duties.
She died as she lived, trusting
in the Lord, and will be greatly
missed by every one who knew
her and especially by the min-
isters of the Church of God
for we always found shelter in
her home. She was indeed a
mother to us all.

She leaves to mourn her
death a husband, four daugh-
ters and two sons, Mrs. Dealie
Larence of Arley, Ala., Mrs.
Mary Landtrip, Miss Sallie A-
dair, Mrs. Carrie Sables, Clark
and Charlie Adair of Dora,
twenty-three grand children
five great grand-children and a
host of friends.

We weep not as those who
have no hope, for we expect to
meet her again where there will
be no more pain, sorrow, sick-
ness nor dying. Where there
will be one eternal day of ever-
lasting joy, where we can clasp
hands on the sunny banks of
sweet deliverance and where
we will never more say farewell.

The funeral service was con-
ducted by the writer. She was
laid to rest in the Church of
God cemetery at this place.

Now she sleeps in the new grave
yard.

Not one can be numbered more;
But her spirit is resting in the home
of the soul,
And her companions are millions
I'm sure.

Rest, sweet mother, I'm coming some
day,
I'll soon be slumbering there;
While you wait I'm making ready to
go.
Some day her blessings I'll share.

Her pastor,
Z. D. Simpson.

From the Battlefield

Tony Ford of Bompas Creek,
Ill., reports, "Brother T. S.
Payne has just closed a few
days meeting. The saints were
wonderfully built up. The other
churches in the state are pro-
gressing nicely."

C. D. Donald, Townville, N.
C. reports a Sunday School
started about three months ago.
The attendance is increas-
ing and there is much interest
shown. The Lord is wonder-
fully blessing. Souls are being
saved.

"Have just closed a meeting
in Sibleyville, Ala. God won-
derfully blessed. Some were
saved and sanctified, six received
the Holy Ghost, eight were ad-
ded to the church and three
followed the Lord in water bap-
tism. The saints were revived
and made to rejoice," reports
Brother Dock Mathis and wife.

J. M. Scarbrough, has just
closed a meeting twelve miles
from Dayton, Tenn. One man
was saved. There were honest
souls at the altar and others
interested. Three faithful sis-
ters are there who are trying
to hold up the standard. They
have a little Sunday-school and
are bringing up their children
in the Bible way. We have sown
the gospel seed and expect
in the near future to reap the
golden grain.

Report

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
All the Saints Scattered A-
broad—Greeting in Jesus!
Dear Name:

Have just closed an eight
days meeting at Tellico Plains
with good success. Seven were
saved, one sanctified and three
were added to the Church of
God.

There will be baptizing the
first Sunday in June. The Lord's
supper and feet-washing will be
observed Sunday night. Every-
body welcome. We are expect-

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Pray for me,
W. M. Coleman

Sherwin Junction, Kans.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
All the Saints—Greetings in
Jesus! Dear Name:

Brother John Burke has just
closed a ten days meeting at
this place. The Lord wonder-
fully blessed. Praise God. Two
were saved and nine received
the Holy Ghost. The Church of
God was set in order with fif-
teen members. This is the first
Church of God in Kansas.
Praise the Lord. The true gos-
pel is going forth.

When I came here last June
there was not one that believed
this way. The Lord has won-
derfully blessed my labor here.
There are lots of good folks
in Kansas and I hope that soon
the true gospel will be preach-
ed throughout the state and
not this state only but to all
the world.

Jesus is coming soon, I am
looking for Him. I ask the pray-
ers of all the saints.

Your brother looking for

Jesus,

E. M. Mead.

Bridgeport, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and
All the Dear Saints:
I am praising God for sanc-
tifying and giving me the pre-
cious Holy Ghost, with Bible ev-
idence. I am praising Him for
Jesus is looking this way.

Brother Hackney and Broth-
er Moore have been with us.
The Lord wonderfully blest them
in giving out the Word. A
church was set in order with
six members, with Brother
Moore as pastor. One followed
the Lord in water baptism.

I am praising Him for leading
me in the way of holiness and
living above sin. I have been in
his way eight years and I
have never grown tired of the
beauty of holiness and living a-
bove sin. Bless His name.

Saints, pray that the Lord
will have His way and that He
will open the way for us to get
a house to worship in.

The enemy is strong but Je-
sus said in His Word if He be
lifted up He would draw all
men unto Him. We are stand-
ing on His promises, He is not
slack concerning His promises.
Pray for me.

Your humble sister looking for
Jesus,

Arvie Gothard.

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CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"Knowing Ones."

(Continued from last week)

F. J. Lee.

We shall now enter more directly on the subject of demons. Demon means knowing one. Demons are spirits. Matt. 11:43, 45. They are unclean, sullen, violent and malicious. The King James version says "devils" and the Syriac translation says "demons." The Bible scholars of today say that "demon" is the proper rendering so it appears in comparing Scripture that demon is the more suitable term to use.

As stated above demon means "knowing one," and devil means adversary. We will notice the thought the knowing one. They knew Jesus Christ and recognized His authority. They cried out of the two men coming out of the tomb saying, "What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" Matt. 8:28, 29.

Another instance of them knowing is the case of a man in the synagogue who had an unclean spirit "and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him." Mark 1:23-25.

Another instance of the demons knowing or showing their intelligence is where the seven sons of Sceva tried to cast out evil spirits by the name of Jesus. "And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded." Acts 19:13-16. Notice, it was the evil spirit that knew Jesus and Paul. It was the evil spirit that did the talking to the sons of Sceva, yet they used the vocal organs of the man of whom they were possessing to speak to the sons of Sceva. Think of it, one man overcoming seven men, depriving them of their clothing and wounding them so that they had to give up the fight. We will have to admit at once that it was supernatural strength in the man that actuated him against the sons of Sceva as well as talking to them.

Another instance. A damsel followed Paul and others many days, "and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour." Acts 16:17, 18. How did they know the spirit came out the same hour? Because the thing that was grieving Paul ceased, that ridiculous thing, a strange woman running after those men and continually crying out, "These are the servants of the most high God." It ceased when the spirit ceased. It was the spirit that knew Paul and others; it was the spirit prompting her to follow them and cry out as she did. She quieted down and became as any ordinary woman, inasmuch that she could no more carry on her divinations and the men whom she was working for were much incensed against Paul and Silas for causing them so much trouble. The demons know their fate and are trembling.

James says, Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble." James 2:19. They tremble for fear that they will be cast into the deep or the bottomless pit and finally into the lake of fire. They know of this, therefore, it is a perpetual horror to them. They spoke out of the man at the tombs and said to Jesus, "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" Mat. 8:29. They knew that the time was set for the general torment. Luke says they besought Him that He would not command them to go out into the deep.

I am trying to convey the thought that they are what the name demon implies, "knowing one." They know the dif-

ference between the righteous and the wicked as in the case of the wicked sons of Sceva and Paul and the righteous ones. They know how to talk by the use of the vocal organs of men. They know to enter flesh and even seek to enter flesh of men and beasts to carry on their malicious work. They knew and yet know when a man is near that has power to cast out demons. I have seen wicked men become exercised by an unseen power when they were in the presence of men that were filled with the Holy Ghost. They would quake and were seemingly excited and would try and compose themselves but the more they would try to compose themselves the more they were exercised, they would express themselves that this was anything but enjoyable. This would continue until the Holy Ghost filled man would cease praying and release the man. What was this? This was the "knowing one" in the wicked man, he was trembling because he was afraid he would have to relinquish his hold on the man.

I read a statement from a noted minister of the gospel like this. A certain woman was working in the altar service of one of his meetings. He discerned that she was possessed with a wicked spirit, he began to talk to her about it. She became very angry and tried to fight him, kicking him and talking very bad. He would plead the blood of Jesus, it would make her more angry. She began frothing at the mouth and at the same time exclaiming, "You can't cast me out! If you do I'll go into the little child (the brother's babe)." He would yet plead the blood, the demon would rage more and more and even made the expression, "I hate these Pentecostal people."

This is a clear case of the demon actually using the vocal organs as well as the body against God's servants. He knew that this minister was a man of God. He knew that the blood of Jesus was shed that he might be delivered from the clutches of Satan. The very mention of the blood enraged the demon, not so much the woman but the demon, yet the demon manifested his rage through the woman.

I well knew a minister who at one time had power with God and man. He went back to using tobacco and lost his power for service, yet he tried to show a good face or to make it appear that he still retained the experience of the Holy Ghost. He finally contracted a disease and died. But when the saints went to pray for him the demon would begin to talk and say, "You can't cast me out." The "knowing one" (demon) knew well how to entrap that preacher. First, he enticed him back to the things he had laid down for Jesus, later he would get mad and say harsh words and finally turned against the Church of God. Little by little he ensnared him from bad to worse till the spirit could boldly defy the saints of God and say, "You can't cast me out."

This "knowing one" (demon) knows just what trap to set in the pathway of every saint of God, therefore the necessity of placing our hand wholly in the hand of Jesus, that He may lead us safely by all snares and pitfalls.

(To be continued)

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- Yours for the Master, W. A. Walker.
- Madisonville, Tenn.

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And God Saw That it Was Good

I. H. Marks

God has said, "My ways are not your ways" and for the wicked to forsake his ways, to seek and ask for the old paths, where is the good way? So when we forsake our ways and walk in the good way, then we are being led by the Holy Spirit.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God." Rom. 8:14.

The Holy Ghost may lead us in ways that we cannot always understand, but rest assured if you are in touch with God it will be for our good and His glory. Will there be any suffering along the way? Certainly. Listen, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." 2 Pet. 2:21.

"He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 2:6. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Jesus Christ shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach. 1 Tim. 4:10.

Paul says follow me, as I follow Christ. Then if we follow in Christ's footsteps and He suffered and we follow Paul and he suffered, surely we will suffer too. "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction." Isa. 48:10. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous." Psa. 34:19.

The flesh or natural man seeks the way of ease and pleasure but God's people take the way of the cross. It brings persecution, reproach and criticism by the world. Yet, thank God, blessed are they that keep My Word. There are blessings even here and "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18.

Daniel and the three Hebrew boys didn't understand God's way when they were carried captive to Babylon, away from the scenes of their childhood, away from friends and loved ones, yet there is no record of their mourning. They acknowledged God's hand in their going. They kept the victory and were true to the God of heaven and were ready when the test came. Possibly they didn't understand why God would permit them being cast into the fiery furnace but "God saw that it was good." Some people over in Babylon needed something to convince them.

Daniel possibly didn't understand why he should go to the lion's den for praying but "God saw that it was good." He wanted some more convincing proof. Daniel was true and cried out next morning after a night among the lions, "O king, live forever." The king was convinced. "God saw that it was good."

Jesus was in all points tempted like as we are and as He is so are we if we follow in His steps. When Jesus was in such agony He cried out in Gethsemane, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." Yet God saw it was good for you and me, for Him to drink it to its very dregs and the next day He drank the cup. That tragic scene took place nineteen centuries ago on Calvary's hill-top.

The blood that was spilt cleanses from all sin. Thank God. How many drunkards found it was good? How many mental and physical wrecks have found it was good? For by that scene of suffering they were loosed from the things which were damning their souls.

God saw that it was good for Stephen to die as He did. Saul, a haughty Pharisee, stood by and saw him die such a victorious death. I believe an impression was made on Paul that he could not get rid of, for he mentioned it after he was converted. It must have followed him and no doubt he often thought, even before his conversion that the natural man could not have died that way.

God saw that it was good for Paul and Silas to go to jail at Philippi. God wanted to reach the jailer's heart and that was the way He had of reaching him and his household. Paul and Silas never would have thought of that but it was God's way. I imagine they suffered as they sat on the cold bare floor with their feet fast in the stocks and their backs bruised and bleeding. About midnight they had a prayer meeting. I can imagine Paul said, "Silas lead us in prayer," and he began to pray, the power began to fall, and then Paul said, "Let us sing a hymn" and they began to sing, "I am glad I can say I'm one of them." About that time the jail began to rock, the

prisoners tumbled out of their beds and the doors flew open. The jailer ran out and thought he would kill himself but Paul cried out, "Do thy self no harm, we are here." (There was no commotion in the crowd.) The consequence was that the jailer and his family were converted.

It has been said that the jailer was the first bishop of the church at Philippi. If he were, I suppose that God wanted a preacher over there so he worked that plan to get him. God saw that it was good. Paul and Silas had many a shout as they looked back to that event.

God has a purpose and plan to get glory out of our lives. Jesus suffered and was glorified, arm yourselves with the same mind.

Healing

Mary D. McHargue

I have felt impressed for some time to write a few words of encouragement on divine healing. While I feel myself among the weakest yet I hear Jesus say I have chosen the weak to confound the mighty. Another thought came to me, You had better let some one who is more competent fill the place but again I hear, It is not ye that speak but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you. There seemed to be no excuse and if He can use me to help some one I will be glad.

I could not tell you the times I have been helped by others in this way and I want to get very close to everyone and especially those who are weak on this point. I love you and want to help you if I can. I am sorry but will have to say I find so very few who claim a Bible experience, that trust the Lord in time of sickness.

I have wondered how anyone who claimed the experience and with the light that we now have on the Word of God could use remedies outside the one the Bible gives. Dear ones, if the Word teaches repentance, then it teaches divine healing. If it teaches sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, then it teaches healing for the body. Yes, you say I know it. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17.

I have heard some preach strong on this subject and prove it by the Word. They would open up new light to me and strengthen my faith, yet when sickness came they ran for a doctor. I cannot see how anyone can testify to walking in the light and not take Jesus for their healer. Another thing that puzzles me is how any one that is acquainted with Jesus could take themselves or loved ones from under His loving, sympathizing, loving care and put them in the hands of man. "Thus saith the Lord; cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departed from the Lord." Jer. 17:5. James tells us that we are deceiving ourselves when we hear and do not.

The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land. What about those who refuse and rebel? They shall be devoured with the sword. Who said so? The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Beloved, it seems to me that we need a real shaking up when we fail to walk in the light. We go on Sunday to church, sing and shout around some one else's fire and console ourselves that we are all right. Blessed Jesus, save us from the deceiver.

My honest conviction is that the altar would be my place if I failed to walk in the light, because the promise of the cleansing blood is only to those who are walking in the light. "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." 2 Pet. 2:21.

Dear Saints, Jesus is soon coming. He is testing His children and will soon seal His faithful ones. Let us shake off the "rowsiness and look carefully to our lives and see if we are measuring up to His Word.

By Stripes She Was Healed

Dear other Tomlinson: In reading the Evangel this week I saw where two sisters wanted to be healed of stomach trouble and as the dear Lord

marvelously healed me of stomach trouble Jan. 26, 1920, I thought by giving my testimony it might be a help to them. Surely Jesus Christ is the same yesterday to-day and forever, this I have proven to be true. Praise God.

About Nov. 1919, my stomach troubled me so much that I was persuaded to try a doctor. He gave me everything he could think of and I tried everything I saw advertised in the papers but I was getting worse all the time.

At this time Brother Milton Padgett came here and preached divine healing so plain and strong and proved by the precious Word that God wanted His children to leave the arm of flesh and trust in His strong arm. I was all broken up and cried to God to give me faith to give up everything for I knew it meant something to stand for divine healing when all around me they were leaning on the arm of flesh. Brother W. R. Hadscock and Brother L. E. Campbell came here in January and I got them to pray and anoint me with oil and I promised God right there and then, live or die, I would trust Him and He healed me. Praise His great and matchless name.

The next morning I threw away everything and have not taken anything since and can eat anything. Now I am determined by His help to trust Him fully.

When I think of it all it makes me think of the chorus of the little hymn:

It was just like Jesus, yet it was,
It was just like Him to make me free;
It was just like Jesus, bless His name,
It was just like Him to heal me.

With love to all,
Grace Elwood,
Key West, Fla.

Nassau, Bahamas.

To the Church of God Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I still have victory over sin. Bless the name of Jesus. The Comforter yet abides and I can say from the very depths of my heart, If I ever loved holiness it is now. I love the church with her straight government and I want to ever be true. I thank God that He has kept me six years, before that time I was a wretch undone. I have trusted God for both soul and body. He has healed me many times. Glory!

A few months ago when reading the Evangel I saw a coupon. I cut it out and sent it to the Evangel office to see what it really meant. Later Brother Tomlinson wrote me concerning the Bible Training School. I did not feel able to take the course so I asked God to give me the light on the matter.

One day I was in a very lonely place thinking seriously about the matter. I was walking and it appeared like something over shadowed me. I thought I had seen the wonderful powers of heaven and an angry God looking on the world with a frown. A few days later I left Nassau, Bahamas, and went to my home on Bight Long Island and I had a dream very much like what I saw at the time when I was almost persuaded not to take the course. According to my dream I saw that I must obey God rather than man. In my dream it seemed like the very God of heaven is at the head of this wonderful work and I decided to accept everything that is good and right.

God has called me into His work and I am unlearned so I earnestly request your prayers that God will fill me with wisdom and bring me to the very dust of humility.

Your unworthy brother,
Lawrence R. Darville.

East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Saints of God Everywhere: I am praising God this evening for the victory in my soul and that I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and am in the Church of God and on my way to glory land.

I am feeling good in my soul. It is so sweet to live for the Lord. I have tried this way for six years and not tired of it yet. I praise the Lord for His mighty healing power.

Your unworthy sister in Jesus,
Dorothy Erby.

The preachers who are doing the preaching are the one

Fear? "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." No fear of the Church of God ever compromising the truth, no fear of her ever going down, for the gates of hell shall never prevail against her.

We haven't time to cavil over things that are not edifying. We are like the old prophet said, "We are doing a noble work, therefore we cannot come down." We are building plans by the Bible for great things in the near future. The

week, now I pay two tenths, one tenth for the pastor and the other tenth goes to the building fund. We live off of the remaining eight tenths and now I am making about \$35.00 per week. I leave you to answer the question. Does it pay to pay?

I never saw greater power manifested than on Sunday afternoon, the day we closed. It seemed like a cloud burst from heaven fell on all the saints at once.

A lady standing among the saints received the Holy Ghost.

May the Lord bless all the saints and give them a zeal to do more for Him this year. I feel He is coming soon to take us home. Amen.

Your humble brother working for the Master,
Guy Marlow

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